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## Editorial Comment

**THE LOCAL CHURCH** That Baptists stand for full autonomy of the local church, a free press, and free speech, is a fact well known to men of all faiths.

From the beginning it has been the aim of many religious leaders—often worthy and well-meaning leaders—to subordinate the local church to the authority of a denominational headquarters.

The Roman Catholic Church, which affirms "*Apostolic Succession*," centers all authority in Rome. Following the reformation, Martin Luther and his followers were successful in gaining approval of the State Church in Germany, this followed by the State Church in England, Scotland, Switzerland, and later in many other countries. The various state churches began the same type of persecution against minority groups that had been charged to Rome, and the various groups became more political than religious.

In more recent years great denominations were developed, in an attempt to dominate protestantism, and at the present time these great denominations are combining under such heads as *The National Council of Churches*, for the one purpose of gaining control in religious affairs to form a Universal Church. To many people, the voice of the denomination is the voice of God.

True Baptists will continue to stand firmly upon the Word of God, not only in matters of doctrine, but also in relation to the autonomy and sovereign authority of the local church.

**OLD AGE** We recently attended a basketball game and as we watched those ten young men glide over the floor, noting their fast foot work and the results of their quick thinking, we realized anew that—*it's good to be young*.

In spite of the added comforts provided by modern civilization and various old-age security schemes, advancing age still holds apprehension for many people. These consider it to be a time of senility, loss of memory, a second childhood, inability to work, and weigh the possibility of being a burden to society, and a hindrance

to others. Granting the possibility that some of these fears might be realized, old age can be life's richest and most satisfying period. Adjustments must be made, biological, social, financial, and religious. Work must slacken and the routine must be changed, but every hour may be filled with joy and the good things of life.

The greatest fear among those who are growing old is—*loneliness*. These know that death removes friends and loved ones, and they dread the thought of sitting alone. There are those who feel that life would be full if they might simply lay down the working tools and move to southern sunshine, but the realization of this dream would convince such that it is better to work in the snowbound northern home than to while away the months and years twiddling thumbs in a far away land.

A complete removal of financial worries, through measures taken by the Federal and State governments, does not bring *contentment*. This is a state within and the aged must learn to follow Paul, who said: "I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."

For those who fear the loss of friends, we point to the door of the home church, where friendships never change and where old folk are always welcome. Then, for employment, the aged may prepare a list of prayer needs and spend much time in the fruitful ministry of intercession. A source of comfort is always found in the words of God to Israel, as quoted in Hebrews 13:5, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

**EXCESS BAGGAGE** The mail carrier came up the street with a huge load of cartons containing breakfast food samples dangling from his shoulders, one carton for each house on his route. We later learned that 9,000 such cartons had been dumped into the local postoffice for delivery, and undoubtedly in like proportion throughout the state. Then, the bag carried a large package of handbills, also for general delivery under the twelve-cents per pound contract. This in addition to other junk mail consisting of brochures, circulars and print soon to reach the waste bas-

ket. Of course, there were some letters and small packages such as the postal service was established to handle. From all indications the postoffice has become a general utility. The producer cannot be condemned for using a service that is better and cheaper, but the service which the postoffice was designed to perform is done less efficiently because of this modern method and procedure.

As it is with the postoffice, so is it with the average church in the U.S.A. The purpose and commission have been subordinated to political, civic and social functions to a point where the ecclesia has become a utility and efficiency under the commission has been sacrificed on the altar of modern thought. The unregenerated cannot be condemned for using a willing tool which carries prestige and dignity.

In each case the "utility" must shoulder full responsibility; the postoffice department for yielding to pressure groups, and the organized church for digressing from the Divine program.

**THE ROAD AHEAD** A report made by the Commissioner Of Agriculture to the Congress of the United States in 1886 carried the following:

"The rapid development of machinery has brought overproduction. In England, Belgium, and France, railroads and canals have been built and Germany is well provided with a network of railroads. The construction of railroads in the United States has been out of all proportion to the increase in products to be carried.

"The nations have overstocked themselves with plants far in excess of the wants of the people. On all sides one sees the results of the labor of half a century. Strict necessity has reached into superfluity.

"New processes of manufacturing will continue and will be an influence, but it will leave little room for further expansion."

We have in mind one church where the vision was so limited that it rejected a proposal to buy



adjoining property, under the argument that—"it will never be needed." Now that church is definitely hampered by lack of property for expansion and parking purposes.

Then, there are those churches which handicap development by holding the pastor's salary down to a level where he is required to accept secular employment to meet family requirements, such churches having no vision of possibilities if the pastor were able to devote full time to the work.

Some fail to see the need for financing Christian Schools to educate young men and women for service, these claiming that few in the former generations attended these "schools of higher learning."

While churches of Ohio Association rate high in point of contributions for missionary work, we frequently find those who feel that far too much money is being spent for work outside of the country. These overlook the fact that uncounted millions have never heard the gospel message. It is written: "*Where there is no vision the people perish.*"

**McCARTHY** We believe that a vast majority of the citizens, without regard to race, religion, or party affiliation will agree that the public has had enough of the—McCarthy Story. The people are convinced that the worthy senators could spend their time, and the taxpayer's money to better advantage, and that the newspapers and radio could render greater service than by publicizing the burlesque perpetrated by the "stately" senate.

If any corporation were to permit such large proportion of its board of control to spend so many weeks in a committee room fighting each other, that corporation would soon head for bankruptcy.

The junior senator from Wisconsin, after donning the armor of St. George and pursuing the Communist dragon, assumed that any who failed to agree with him was a representative of the enemy and should be punctured by his spear.

It appears that a costly, time-wasting rash of censure proceedings may break out in the senate, involving other senators, presenting another undignified spectacle to the world. It is our thought that the horseplay has already occupied too much attention and that

the senatorial brawls should be brought to an abrupt end. It is our further thought that if the presently elected senators can't get down to business, a new slate might be in order.

#### JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

A recent newspaper entry stated: "Juvenile delinquency will not be cured in a few months or years; it will require a new generation." Since the present situation stems from the home, we would like to know just how the present delinquents could possibly bring into existence a generation which would overcome delinquency.

Another theorist suggests that libraries be stocked more liberally with books discussing the causes and cures for juvenile delinquency, also more books dealing with youth clubs, recreational programs and suggested social attitudes for young people. Could any person imagine the present day juvenile delinquents reading such books in a library?

So long as the symbol of a good home is a new car, a deep freeze and a television, and young girls consider their important goal to be a resemblance to Marilyn Monroe, and family conversation centers around the newest scandal or divorce action in Hollywood, just so long will the wave of juvenile delinquency continue. *The only cure for juvenile delinquency is converted parents.*

**THE BUILDING PROGRAM** In Haggai 1:2 we read: "This people say, the time is not come, the time that the Lord's house should be built."

As it was in the days of Haggai, so has it been in every generation. When there is prosperity in the land, the people say, "prices are too high." When there is depression, the people say, "Money is scarce and this is not the time to build."

We have seen men who earn little who have much. We have also seen men who earn much, have little. It is written in Haggai 1:6, "He that earneth wages, earneth wages to put into a bag with holes," and we are definitely convinced that God giveth the increase.

When disaster hits the home, pastors are many times tempted to say, "*Have you paid your tithe?*"

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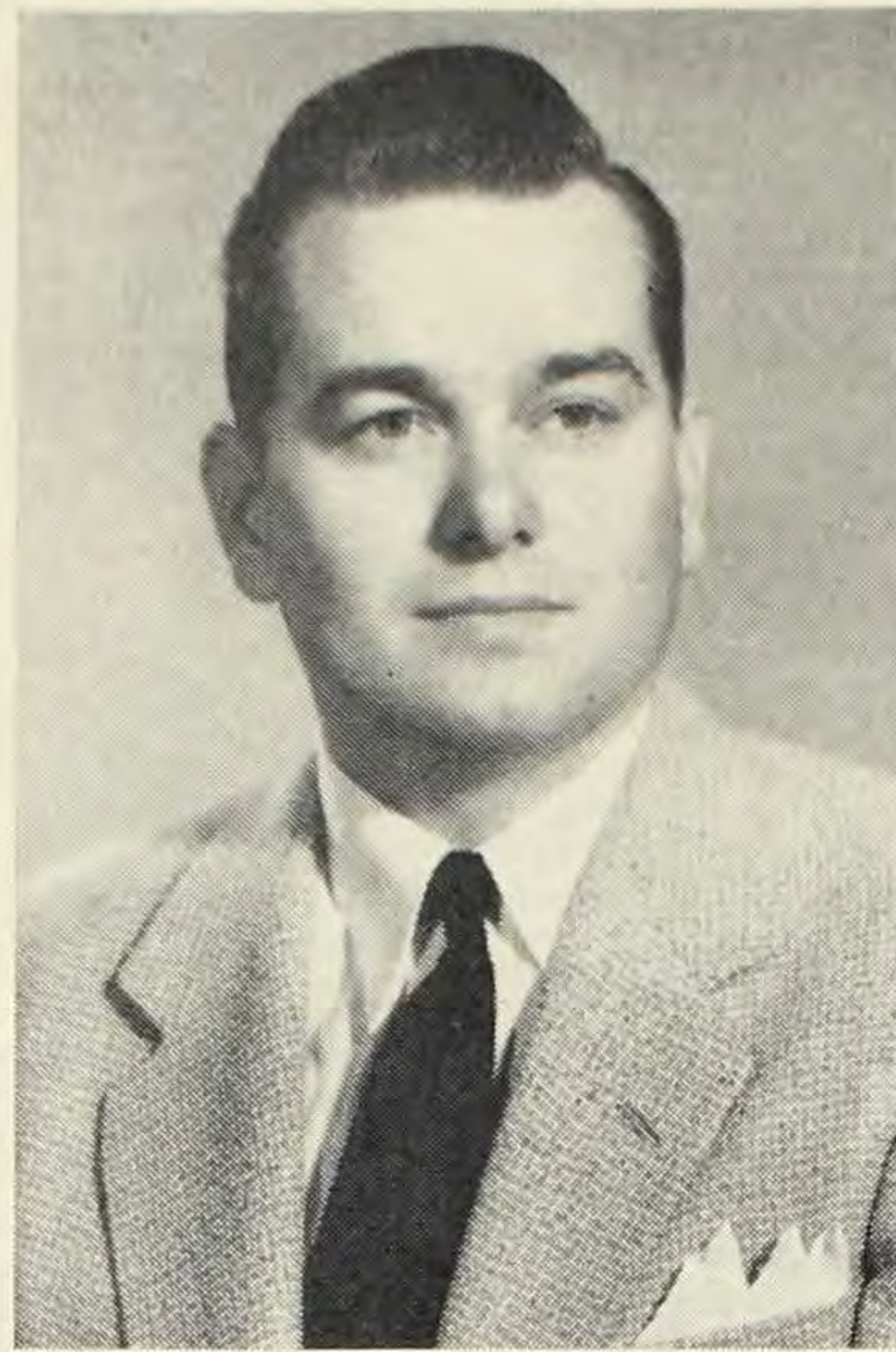
## PERFUME POURED OUT

By REV. JOHN G. BALYO, *Pastor Hough Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio*

In Mark, Chapter 14, we move into an atmosphere of tremendous intensity. Christ was very close to Calvary now and the hearts of many were being revealed. We see in this particular scene the crafty priests and the scribes, with hatred boiling in their hearts. We see sweet Mary of Bethany with her heart broken like an alabaster box for Christ. Here also was selfish, crooked, criticizing Judas. Here, too, were poor, weak, feeble, misled disciples. And in the midst of them all was the perfect Saviour.

Let us look first of all at the religious politicians who were now out for blood. Mark tells us they were planning by craft to take Him; and if any proof is needed that the human heart is unclean, certainly here it is. The fact that men can hate God, that men can despise Christ, the fact that God Himself has enemies, reveals the depravity of human nature. These men wanted to be rid of Jesus; only the unclean could wish it so. Only the unclean would oppose Him and attempt to get Him out of the way, in order to keep on being as unclean as they had been in the past.

The pure, like Mary of Bethany, would die for Christ. She, more than any other, had drunk deeply of the fountain called Christ and she seemed to understand what He was headed for—a Cross! The fact that she understood when nobody else did is what brought forth the Saviour's high praise. What prompted her splendid deed? Why did Mary of Bethany cover Christ with such expensive perfume? Why did she lavish upon Him such extravagant devotion? Because He was headed for the grave and she knew it and she loved Him. This was the gift of her heart. *She loved Christ!* That tells us a great deal about Mary of Bethany indeed. What you really love always tells the whole world what you really are. There is a close kinship between you and the things you desire. You want what you want and you love what you love because you are what you are. If you love dirt it's because you're dirty. If you love the wrong crowd and the wrong atmosphere it's because you're wrong too; your appetites reveal you. Well, this woman



*John G. Balyo*

loved Jesus. She loved Him because she was what she was. The ungodly love ungodliness and the pure always love the pure Saviour. Now this woman, of course, had not always been pure. Like all of us, she needed the cleansing that only Christ can give; and it was under His ministry, under His transforming touch, that this woman had become pure and, becoming pure, could love Christ and love Him extravagantly. And thus it was that in the midst of loneliness and hostility, of misunderstanding and treachery, the lonely Saviour found one woman who loved Him, who understood Him and fell in step with Him on the road to Calvary.

Have we forgotten that the first and greatest commandment is not to "believe with all thine heart" but to "love God with all thine heart;" and God knows, of course, that only the godly can do it. The ungodly have no real capacity for God; they see no beauty in Christ that they should desire Him (see Isaiah 53:2). It is a small matter to the unclean that Christ is known to multitudes as "the chief among ten thousand," and "the bright and morning star" and "the altogether lovely one;" there is nothing in Jesus to appeal to what is in them. They simply cannot appreciate spiritual attractiveness.

Now perhaps we can understand why Judas did not love the Saviour. Nothing in Judas corres-

ponded to anything in Christ. Christ and Judas had absolutely nothing in common. That is why Judas called Mary's gift "a waste." Christ did not call it that! He called it a good deed. But Judas was contemptuous of the perfume "wasted" on Christ. He did not think that Christ was worthy of Mary's extravagance because he did not love Him. Nothing inside of Judas was drawn to Christ because on the inside he was evil, covetous! Perhaps it would be well to remember that John tells us in his gospel, chapter 12 and verse 6, that Judas wasn't concerned about the poor at all. He said what he did "because he was a thief and had the bag and bare what was put therein." He had the bag, he was the treasurer of the band, and he coveted the money! Judas actually wanted what was given to Christ; he was covetous toward God Himself. And if he did not get it, it was to him "wasted." Thus his love for gold revealed his greed and his self-love. As for his concern for the poor, what a monstrous pretense that was! And a lot of our modern-day social service is of the same nature too. So many pretend to be just "too, too concerned" about all the underprivileged and the poor people of the world. That would be an admirable thing if it were real, but many like Judas are just covering up their lack of love to God—and thus their lack of real love toward the poor as well.

Well, here was Judas, and here were the scribes and the priests and here was Mary of Bethany. The scribes and the priests despised Jesus, Judas had no love for Him, and Mary loved Him devotedly. But what about the other disciples? This to me is almost unbelievable. They were so weak, their love so feeble, they actually joined with Judas in criticizing Mary. They were on the wrong side. They sided with sin! I'm afraid that is often true, that those who are weakly in love with Christ will often be found on the wrong side against those deeply in love with the Lord Jesus. These disciples were tragically misled. Yes, they loved Christ; but they had such little spiritual kinship with Him, they were so small in their Christlikeness. They loved



but little and thus criticized what was done for Him. And Christ rebuked them! He rebuked them very sternly and emphatically. "Leave her alone," Christ says. He might have added, "You're only condemning yourself." He did add this: "Why trouble ye her? She hath done what she could. This anointing is for my burial. Don't touch the hands of love that have touched me." And Christ says in effect, "You may criticize her, but I'm telling you that wherever this gospel of salvation is preached, her deed shall be her memorial." Will the gospel go to Africa? Then the story of Mary's love shall go too. Will the gospel penetrate China? The name of Mary of Bethany shall, too. Will the gospel go to the islands of the sea? Then so shall Mary's name. "Wherever the name of Christ shall go," says Christ, "the name of Mary shall be." He said that because her love had laid bare her soul—and what a great soul it was! It was too great a soul to forget. No slab of marble or granite was hers, but the ever-ascending odor of the sweet perfume of a Christ-like heart that lavished its love on the Christ it was like—that was, and is, her memorial. "The memory of the just is blessed, but the name of the wicked shall rot." Proverbs 10:7

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## THE NEW YEAR

*"Ye have not passed this way heretofore."*—Joshua 3:4

As we enter the new year we face untrodden paths and to serve well it will require re-dedication to our calling.

Some are called to preach the Gospel, others to minister at the bedside or in the homes of the unfortunate, and still others will teach the children. Many faithful servants will supply money that the work of the local church, the missionaries, Camp Patmos, and Cedarville may go forward. The enthusiastic youth, the folk of middle age, and the older people may all have a part in God's program.

Some of the older folk feel that the years ahead are few, and that time will not warrant a definite program. However, true life is measured by its altitude, not by its length. Our Lord lived in the flesh but 33 years, Methuselah, 969.

Some feel that adversity in the past has weakened influence for the future, but adversity is sometimes our best friend. It is on smooth ice that we slip. Strength comes from struggle, and we must recognize that all sunshine makes a desert.

Some see scarecrows along the way, but those who enter where scarecrows stand will not be handicapped by the crowd. The wise bird will hunt for scarecrows, and there will always be a feast nearby, where he will not be crowded out.

Some will serve as church of-

ficers and to these we make special appeal for loyalty. An ancient English History records that, "church officers stay at home once each month, giving the pews to strangers." (Some officers in Ohio Association do the same thing.) To pray for position in God's house is to pray for the privilege of service. The three most honored Apostles went closest to His suffering in Gethsemane. When Aaron and Hur held up the hands of Moses in battle, God said unto Moses: "Write this for a memorial in a book." While sin is in the world our Lord will never say, "rest in peace." Each year he says, *"Go Forward."*

The Lord has set before Ohio Association opportunities, unlimited. Many new buildings have been erected, providing ample facilities to meet community needs; many additional missionaries have stepped from the congregations for service; Cedarville has been handed to the fellowship for support, and Camp Patmos stands as a challenge. To meet the requirements, every believer will be needed for personal service, prayer partnership, and gifts of money.

To meet the challenge of the new year the people must needs place their hands in the hands of our blessed Lord and say—"Where He Leads Me I Will Follow," remembering that, *"Ye have not passed this way heretofore."*

## THE WAY

Would you like to make your church more Baptist?

Would you like to have more of your people at the periodic meetings?

Would you like to promote greater interest in Camp Patmos?

Would you like to have your friends informed about Cedarville?

Would you like to promote greater missionary interest?

Would you like to help spread the Gospel message?

Would you like to encourage the reading of good literature?

Would you like to help promote the official organ?

If your answer to these questions is, "YES" we recommend that you enter a subscription for some friend. Some churches have entered subscriptions for every family in the church and some other

churches make it a practice to enter a subscription for one year to reach the new families received into the membership. Still other churches set aside one day in the year when a personal appeal is made to each family for a subscription.

A few churches have appointed a "Magazine Representative" whose business it is to promote the publication and to send in for print all of the important news items related to the church program.

To provide a good start for the new year, we suggest that every church adopt some plan of promotion to assist us in the difficult task of keeping the association and its projects before the people. We present this guarantee: *We will do our part.*



# THE CHANGED OUTLOOK OF A CHANGED LIFE

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In 2 Cor. 5:17 we read: "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature (creation); old

things are passed away; behold all things are become new."

Such indeed is the experience of those who have rested their faith in the saving merits of the Son of God, who have been born again, and have known the joy that comes to those whose sins have been forgiven, and who have been made partakers of the Divine nature. There is grave doubt indeed as to the reality of any professed experience if such is not the case and no change is discernable in the life of the individual.

A discussion arose recently in the class of which the writer is teacher, as to whether Simon the sorcerer was a saved man or not. One lady seemed to think he was because of the statement: "Simon himself believed also and was baptized," while the writer held to the view that it was strongly inferential from the premises that such was not the case. Surely such words as these: "Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God . . . . For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity," could not have been addressed to the weakest saint who ever lived. If Simon was saved, then any reprobate who walks the streets can call himself a Christian, and the words of our text, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creation," can have no meaning. No: When Christ comes into the heart, a change is wrought in the life of the believer, conscious to himself and palpable to the world.

The Christian's outlook and desires are in decided contrast to those of the world. He hates the things they love and loves the things they hate. He formerly shunned the House of God and was seldom seen within its precincts; but now the entrance to the place of worship is indeed to him the gate that is called "Beautiful."

He avoided God's people in the past, considering them queer and strange, and was a bit uneasy in their presence; but now, as proof

of the genuineness of his own experience, there is love in his heart for the brethren and a longing to be where they are.

The Bible formerly was a dull, dry, uninteresting book to him which was seldom opened; but now he can say like Jeremiah of old, "Thy words were found and I did eat them and Thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart."

It is hard indeed for an unsaved person to understand the blessedness of the Christian life, for it seems to his perverted thinking a sort of killjoy that would deprive him of most of his pleasures.

A certain individual said to the writer some time ago: "I can't see what enjoyment you get out of life. You do not drink or smoke or dance or gamble or play cards or go to the theater or indulge in any of the things I derive pleasure from. What is there in life for you any way?" I could not explain to the poor, blind man, with his low standard of joy, the blessed, precious things that bring joy to the heart of the Christian for they were "foolishness unto him." I could only feel sorry for him and pray for him. What he needed was a change of viewpoint—that was all.

The story is told of an old frog living at the bottom of a well, who, chancing to look up one day, espied a little bird perched upon the branch of a tree above the well, singing away at such a great rate it seemed his little throat would burst. "What are you singing your fool head off that way for?" croaked the old frog. "I don't see anything to sing about." "No," warbled the little bird, "but if you were up here where I am, and could see the things that I see, you would soon see something to sing about."

And that is true of the world. They need to reach a higher altitude,

"Where the air is pure ethereal,  
Laden with the breath of flowers,"

in order to see and appreciate the things that give pleasure to the hearts of the redeemed.

Instead of destroying the individual's capacity for enjoyment

when he becomes a Christian, it immeasurably increases it and gives him a much broader perspective. He sees the creative hand of a kind, loving Heavenly Father in everything about him and beholds beauties his blinded, sinful eyes had never seen before. He is not like the stolid, unimaginative Peter Bell in Wordsworth's poem of that name, of whom it was said:

"A primrose by the river's brim,  
A yellow primrose was to him;  
And it was nothing more;"

but his perceptive faculties have been increased and sanctified, and he has a much greater appreciation of the beautiful and the esthetic than he ever had before.

There are rosier tints to the beams of the rising sun, and it sets with a ruddier glow. The moon shines with a softer light, and every star has a merrier twinkle. The mountains seem more majestic and the valleys more verdant. The trees are garbed in lovelier green and the flowers are arrayed in more exquisite colors and diffuse a sweeter fragrance. There are cheerier notes in the songs of the birds. There is music in the patter of the raindrops upon the ground, in the murmur of the brook, in the splash of the waterfall, in the rustle of the leaves stirred by the gentle zephyrs. Oh, life indeed wears a different face when Christ comes into the heart to abide, and all things are invested with new interest, beauty and charm.

"Heaven above is softer blue,  
Earth beneath a sweeter green;  
Something lives in every hue  
Christless eyes have never seen.  
Birds with gladder songs o'er-flow;  
Flowers with deeper beauties shine,  
Since I know as now I know,  
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### TRUE GOLD

Job 23:10  
—“When He  
hath tried  
me, I shall  
come forth as  
gold.”

Did you ever hear the Chinese tale of the celestial swan that came to earth and told the glories of heaven to a heron? The heron was busy seeking snails in the mud of the rice-fields, and paid no attention to the swan. But the swan persevered and grew more enthusiastic in the description of the glories and delights of heaven. Finally, the heron lifted up its head and asked, “Are there any snails up there?” And when the swan replied that there were none, the heron put its head in the mud again and said, “I’m looking for snails.”

If you are a heron, interested only in the snails to be found in the mud and mire of the world, you will not be interested in the gold in our text; but if you are desirous of obtaining the best from God and being at your best for

Him, the gold is for you.

Some years ago when there was quite a market for old gold, my sister and I made a search through the house and collected a little pile of miscellaneous articles containing gold, more or less. With these treasures in a box, we marched off to a dealer, but found that the man in charge did not take our word for it that all the articles had gold in them. He subjected the stuff to a rigid test, whether or not the articles were stamped as gold.

The man explained the process of testing to us and showed us that some metal even stamped as gold was not gold at all—the stamp was counterfeit. Some of the metal not stamped, was gold, nevertheless. It was a great surprise to us, as was the financial result of our treasure hunt. Occasionally he would pick up a piece and not even put it to the test, remarking, “Anyone can tell that isn’t gold.” We passed over the apparent insult to our mentality in our anxiety to get what he would give us.

Some folks seem to have the stamp of gold on them—a real religious atmosphere—that is, when the sun shines and all is well; but when the test comes they turn out to be ordinary metal. Then there are others who do not boast of spiritual greatness, but let the test come and we find they are true gold—solid for Jesus!

The test tells. The test puts the stamp of God’s approval upon the true gold. The test brings us closer to our Lord and reveals His power in our lives if we trust Him. True faith grows in the testing!

## WHAT THEN?

When the bugle’s call sinks into silence

And the long marching columns stand still,

When the captain repeats his last orders,

And they’ve captured the last fort and hill,

And the flag has been hauled from the mast head.

And the wounded afield checked in,

And a world that rejected its Saviour,

Is asked for a reason—WHAT THEN?

When the great plants of our cities

Have turned out their last finished work;

When our merchants have sold their last yard of silk

And dismissed the last tired clerk,

When our banks have raked in their last dollar

And paid the last dividend;

When the Judge of earth says, “Close for the night,”

And asks for a balance—WHAT THEN?

When the choir has sung its last anthem,

And the preacher has made his last prayer;

When the people have heard their last sermon

And the sound has died out on the air;

When the Bible lies closed on the altar

And the pews are all empty of men

And each one stands facing his record—

And the great Book is opened—WHAT THEN?

When the actors have played their last drama

And the mimic has made his last fun,

When the film has flashed its last picture

And the billboard has displayed its last run;

When the crowds seeking pleasure have vanished

And gone out in the darkness again—

When the trumpet of ages is sounded,

And we stand before Him—WHAT THEN?

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# CEDARVILLE COLLEGE

CEDARVILLE, OHIO

We are challenged by the need and the possibilities of Cedarville College. We are encouraged as we see the Lord supply the spiritual and material needs of our school. There is great cause for rejoicing when one of our churches observes the need, has a vision of the possibilities and places the college on the church budget or adopt the "Cedarville Day" plan by taking an offering each month for the school.

Our friends will be glad to know that new students are registering for the second semester which begins on January 31. Many requests for college catalogs have been received. We urge interested young people to write to the Registrar requesting catalogs and application blanks.

## Basketball Tournament

Last spring coach Robert Underwood planned and carried out a basketball tournament. This consisted of teams from our churches. As a result of this program at least two fine students were enrolled in the college last semester. This year the tournament will be held March 18 and 19. If your young people are interested you may obtain information by writing to Mr. Robert Underwood, Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio.

The young people in our churches may desire to attend some of the college games so we give you

a part of the schedule which remains:

January		
22	Ashland College	Home
29	Giffin College	Home
February		
2	Mountain State College	Away
5	Defiance College	Home
8	Wilmington College	Away
11	Fenn College	Home
15	Ashland College	Away
19	Bluffton College	Home
22	Findlay College	Home

## Practical Work

The students of Cedarville College are required to engage in some form of practical Christian service. We believe that the teaching given by the college in doctrine, Bible exposition and methods, must be put into practice now if it is to be used effectively in later life. Because of heavy schedules in study and work, some of the students do this ministry for Christ with great sacrifice but they do it gladly.

On Sundays various groups go out into the churches on gospel teams. Our quartets and choir are kept busy telling the story in music. Every Sunday some of the students go to the Veteran's Hospital in Chillicothe, while others conduct gospel services in the Greene County Jail or the London Prison Farm. Each Wednesday afternoon a number of students go to a rest home in Springfield where they have an opportunity

to sing the gospel and testify to the patients.

The students who take the course on evangelism are required to do some canvass work and deal individually with souls in need of Christ. This year we have made a partial survey of London and Cedarville. It is our prayer and purpose that every student who graduates from this college will not only know how to locate needy souls but will be able to lead them to a saving knowledge of our Lord and Savior. Visitation and personal evangelism are emphasized.

One of the most fruitful fields of service is the Bible club work. A number of times we have heard the young people testify in chapel of conversions which have taken place in the Bible clubs.

We write these lines not only as a report of the work being done for Christ by Cedarville College students but as a request for prayer as well. We desire to be more effective in our service for Christ.

## Are You a Stamp Collector?

Many people, both old and young, are stamp collectors. We wish to report that students and faculty at Cedarville College have taken up the hobby. We are looking for *sales tax stamps*, not postage stamps. The state of Ohio will refund 3% of the value of these stamps to non-profit institutions. Already we have sent tax stamps to Columbus which will bring \$40 to the college. In addition to that, one man gave us enough more to net over \$75 for the school. *We are using the money to establish an organ fund.*

We know a very fine young man who can teach organ and piano. Next year he would like to take a few hours of study in the college and teach these instruments on a part time basis. We want him to work with us, the young people are asking for additional music courses, but we must have an electric organ if this plan is to be carried through. If your church is not collecting tax stamps for a local project, will you kindly mail them to the college? *Be a stamp collector for our organ fund!*

## Wanted!

We need some used church pews or theatre chairs for our college



COUNTING TAX STAMPS

Left to right: Mrs. Margaret Selesinger, Mrs. Ralph Thomson, Mrs. Jessie Shirley, Mrs. James Johnson, Mrs. James T. Jeremiah, and Mrs. Robert Underwood.



chapel. We are stating this need with the hope that the readers of *The Ohio Independent Baptist* may be able to help us locate some that are not now being used. Milner Chapel will seat approximately 200. We are now using folding chairs but we want to put permanent seating in the building.

From time to time speakers from the college are asked what the various groups in the churches can do to help. Some churches have already started and completed projects for the college. If your missionary society or young people's group is interested in a Cedarville project please get in touch with us in order that we may avoid duplication.

We want the name and address of friends who would enjoy reading our college paper "Testimony." You can help us if you will forward them to the college.

### *The New Year*

The promises of God enable us to look forward with confidence to the opportunities and responsibilities of a new year. "God has power to shower all kinds of blessing upon you, so that, having, under all circumstances on all occasions, all that you can need, you may be able to shower all kinds of benefits upon others." (II Corinthians 9:8, The Twentieth Century New Testament). We ask God that this verse may become a greater reality to all of us at Cedarville College.

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## BAPTIST BIBLE SEMINARY

Johnson City, New York

Baptist Bible Seminary has received their degree granting status. The initial response of joy at the news has not diminished in the least. We recognize this decision in our favor as an answer to prayer. It not only confirms the stability of our present work but also opens up other avenues of ministry to be explored in due time. The fine student body is daily evidence of the fact that the Lord has opened a great door of opportunity here and having carried forward the work to this point we believe that God will continue to work through us as we walk with Him in faith.

It is not difficult to envision the constant movement and activity with four-hundred young people enrolled in our family. They are diligent in study, regular in prayer, rejoicing in testimony, faithful in employment, courteous in conversation, energetic in sports, generous in judgment and filled with anticipation of trials and blessings ahead. What a happy wholesome family and what potential for the service of our Lord!

We are still having "growing pains." We are like so many of our healthy young churches across the nation, in that we need more space for those who look to us to supply their need. Next semester

there will be twelve simultaneous classes taught the second period in the morning. Mind you, this kind of pressure is testimony of God's blessing and a million times better than spacious facilities and few students. We are simply expecting additional provision in this faith ministry for, as Hudson Taylor said, "God's work done in God's way will never lack God's support."

The day of accounting is not far ahead. Mid-semester exams will soon be with us and another milestone of growth in grace and preparation for leadership will soon be achieved. Pray with us for strength to concentrate, wisdom to understand, memory to retain, and the will to worship our Lord Jesus Christ in the light of His great grace and truth. The oral examination, required of every B.B.S. graduate are completed by the Christian Ed. and Theological majors. The students have expressed their appreciation for the time and consideration involved, and have conducted themselves well during the examination. Any weakness which is discovered is kindly identified, and subsequent counsel and study give opportunity for its correction. May the Lord continue to challenge our people to stand with us in this important ministry of teaching.

## Ordination In Columbus

Nineteen pastors and messengers assembled in the Memorial Baptist Church, Columbus, in the afternoon of November 29, 1954, for conference with Mr. William Compton, with ordination in view. Following the lengthy period of examination, the council by unanimous vote recommended that the church proceed with the ceremony. Rev. Dean Henry of Akron served as Moderator of the session, Rev. C. E. Spaulding, Lima, Clerk.

In the evening, Rev. Glenn Greenwood, pastor of the Blessed Hope Baptist Church, Springfield read the Scripture and offered prayer, after which the Rev. C. C. Clawson, pastor of Memorial Baptist Church, presented the Ordination Sermon. The Rev. James Rosner, Calvary Baptist Church, Bellefontaine, gave Charge to the Candidate, Rev. Llewellyn Thomp-

son of Dresden extended the Hand of Fellowship, following the Ordination Prayer by Rev. C. E. Spaulding of Lima.

The Rev. Compton plans to serve in mission work among the people of Southern Kentucky.

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## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL IS GOD'S BUSINESS

By REV. ROBERT J. REYNHOUT, Elyria, Ohio

We take this opportunity to get acquainted as we undertake the privilege of preparing an item each month for our O.I.B. *Sunday School is our subject.* We hope it is of heart concern and prayerful interest to you. To neglect the work of the Sunday School is to neglect God's business. May the Lord not find us guilty of this sin.

We realize that the Sunday School has been given many titles the most prominent of which are "Bible School" and "Church School." It is our purpose to speak of it with the term "Sunday School" in all of our future writing. Immediately everyone becomes aware of what we are talk-

ing when we use the well-known designation "Sunday School." Even the person on the street who has never attended the Sunday School is well aware of what is meant by that expression. Whereas, the other titles that many are want to use could very well be confusing to the many unchurched people in our communities.

How wonderful it would be if all of our churches could report at least a 10% increase in our Sunday School attendance through the year of 1955! This is not unreasonable at all. The fact is that if we would establish this as a goal for the New Year, I am sure that most churches could report happy results at the end of 1955. If you will figure out what that would mean in souls saved, hearts and minds trained, and lives dedicated to the Lord, you will want to set this goal.

Our future increases and improvements will be determined by the work we make of this Sunday School business. So much is involved in making our Sunday School produce results for God's glory, that we make no effort to touch upon any one subject this month. Our desire is to encourage every pastor and believer in our Baptist churches to become Sunday School conscious. Before God that will lead to faithful prayer, regular attendance, and a missionary interest in one's own community.

Your suggestions will be appreciated as we seek to fulfill the obligation of preparing articles which will help our Sunday Schools grow for good and for God. Since this is God's business, let's not wait until a more convenient time.

## REV. MAX TUCKER CALLED TO SANDUSKY

Answering a recent call, the Rev. Max Tucker, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Spartansburg, Pennsylvania, accepted the pastorate at Calvary Baptist Church, Sandusky, Ohio, and has entered his new field of service.

Mr. Tucker attended Practical Bible Training School, Binghamton, New York for two years, then entered Baptist Bible Institute, Cleveland, from which he was graduated in 1953. At present he is treasurer of the Alumni Association, Cedarville Baptist College. During his period at Practical Bible Training School he served as pastor of a small, nearby church, gaining valuable experience, later accepting call to the First Baptist Church, Spartansburg, Pennsylvania. During the



Max Tucker

latter pastorate, the Sunday School attendance increased from an average of about 35 to slightly under 100, with a new high record attendance of 135. During the pastorate considerable improvement was made to the church property.

Mrs. Tucker also attended Practical Bible Training School and is well qualified as a leader of young people's work. Mr. and Mrs. Tucker are the parents of Keith Edward, age one year.

The Calvary Baptist Church, Sandusky, carries a membership of about 135, annual income \$15,000.00, contribution to missionary work, almost \$5,000.00. The pulpit was recently vacated by the Rev. William Fusco and the work is in very good condition.

## APPRECIATION

It was the privilege of this editor to speak at the Watchnight Service in Brookside Baptist Church, Cleveland, of which the Rev. George O'Keefe is pastor. Before the message Mr. Carl J. Theis, treasurer of the church, handed us a check for \$123.00 to cover another one-year subscription for each of the eighty-two families in the congregation.

Early in 1954 Mrs. Carl W. Martin, circulation manager for the magazine, terminated all subscriptions in the Brookside Baptist Church at the request of the church clerk, Mr. John Kautz, following which he received a refund covering all unexpired time. He then entered subscriptions for the families, for the short term, each to expire in December 1954,

Hence, all subscriptions begin and end at the same time, and all families receive the magazine.

The benefits of this action are apparent. The people are all baptistic in their thinking, cooperative in relation to projects of the fellowship, united in missionary endeavor, and praising God for contact with the people and projects of Ohio Association.

A problem started is half-solved.



# Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions

## LOAN AGENCY ORGANIZED TO HELP CHURCHES

By REV. J. IRVING REESE, P. O. Box 455, Elyria, Ohio



"Where can we borrow the money to pay for the erection of a new church building?" "Where can I invest my savings so that they will yield me an income and yet be doing work for the Lord?" These questions are frequently asked by two groups of people—those who want to borrow and those who want to lend. To help each find an answer the *Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions*, Elyria, Ohio, a mission on the approved list of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, is perfecting a loan agency which will serve independent Baptist Churches planning to erect or enlarge buildings.

A committee met in Elyria, Ohio on December 7 and laid the foundation for such an agency. Representatives of FBHM present were: Chairman, Rev. Kenneth A. Muck, pastor of the Ganson Street Baptist Church, Jackson, Mich.; Rev. J. Irving Reese and Rev. Ewing Walters, General Director and Fields Director, respectively, of the mission. Prospective trustees of the loan organization present were: Rev. Robert Gardner, Regular Baptist State Missionary for the state of Iowa, Forest City, Iowa;

Mr. John D. Knox, editor of the magazine "Steel," Cleveland, Ohio; Mr. G. W. Oehmche, executive of the Milwaukee Marble Works, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Rev. Robert J. Reynhout, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Elyria, Ohio, and Mr. F. Kenneth Springstead, contractor and builder, Buffalo, New York. Invited but unable to attend because of a funeral was Rev. John Balyo, pastor of the Hough Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

Rules and regulations to govern the borrowing and lending of money were discussed at great length. It was decided to seek loans of varying amounts offering 3½% per annum interest, payable semi-annually. These funds will be reloaned to churches for the erection or enlargement of their buildings. Before receiving a loan the church will be requested to have unencumbered title to the lot upon which the proposed building is to be erected, and show satisfactory evidence of financial responsibility. Preference will be given to churches less than seven years old and only independent Baptist churches not affiliated with any national convention or

association, other than the GARBC, will be considered.

It is planned to secure all loans with first mortgages properly covered by individually signed notes or bonds. An annual interest of 5% will be charged for the use of the money and repayment will be arranged satisfactory to the church.

The loan agency, in order to avoid tax complications, will for the present remain a branch of the *Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions*. It is hoped that many of the Lord's people who have money to invest will be interested to turn it into this practical use, any sum from \$100.00 up will be considered and each loan will be held inviolate in insured accounts until it has been placed where it is secured by a first mortgage. Any interested persons are invited to write to Church Building Committee, FBHM, P. O. Box 455, Elyria, Ohio, for further details and they will be gladly furnished.

## CAMP PATMOS

Tentative plans are now being made for the camp periods on Kelleys Island and, following usual practice, we wish to inform the readers at the earliest possible date.

It was the opinion of the committee that camp periods could be reduced to seven weeks, in the light of short registration for the first three weeks of the 1954 camp season; however, it is now obvious that the eight-week season must be continued. Statistics show that registration has been sub-normal during the first three weeks each year, with many applications declined for the closing weeks—about 150 disappointed youngsters in 1954.

Director William Howard Green advises that letters have been received from many churches which did not participate in 1954, stating that registrations would be entered for 1955. Then, a large number

of churches outside the fellowship have made inquiry concerning the possibility of entering their delegations in 1955. Mr. Green will probably accept registration from some of these unaffiliated churches for the first three weeks.

Present plans include the open-

ing of the camp on Monday, June 27, to continue for four weeks, then one vacant week to provide rest for the kitchen crew, followed by four additional weeks, the camp closing on Saturday, August 27.

Registration cards will be furnished to the churches in due time and health certificates will be provided.

## George Vernon Cosby Accepts Call

The Rev. George Vernon Cosby of Cambridge, Ohio, has accepted call to the Townsend Avenue Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md., the pulpit of which was recently vacated by Rev. C. D. Miles, presently located at Calvary Baptist Church, Clendenin, West Virginia.

Mr. Cosby served with the Woodlawn Baptist Church, Sandusky, Ohio, for two and one half years and has, since his resigna-

tion, been doing evangelistic and Bible conference work among the churches of Ohio Association.

The pastor is a graduate of Bob Jones College, and his wife was also graduated from the college, with a Master's Degree in music. Mr. and Mrs. Cosby are the parents of two small children.

Prompt renewal of your subscription will be appreciated by our Circulation Department.



## FROM THE WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT

By MRS. THEONA SMELSER, *Medina, Ohio*

### MAKING YOUR HOME A MISSION FIELD

"Mrs. Brown, will you please lead us in prayer remembering especially our missionaries, both home and foreign?" Agnes Brown rose and led the ladies of their missionary society to the Throne of Grace, praying that the missionaries might have many doors of opportunity and that souls might be saved through their labors. She asked the Lord to send new missionaries to the uttermost parts of the world and that the home missionaries might also be blessed with fruit.

As Agnes Brown took her seat, the Lord was speaking to her own heart. What was she doing for the Lord? Was she looking for opportunities? Was she trying to win souls too? But she wasn't a real missionary. She hadn't been called to any particular field. She had a family and home to care for and she was so busy.

The ladies were singing a hymn now—"I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go, Dear Lord." "But, Lord," reasoned Agnes, "I will go where You want me to go, but don't send me across the ocean for I can't go and leave my children and husband. Perhaps He wants to use me right at home. Or maybe just my faithfulness to my duties is enough."

Above the words of the last verse of the hymn came the still, small voice, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit and that your fruit should remain. . . ." Was she bearing any fruit? Had she led any souls to Christ?

As the ladies rose for the benediction, Agnes resolved to have it out with the Lord that very night. "Why, Mrs. Brown, you look worried this afternoon." It was the pastor's wife speaking to her. "Oh, I'm all right. Just deep in thought I guess," she replied. And then on the spur of the minute she said, "Say, Mrs. Jones, will you be busy tomorrow morning? I'd like to come over to your house and talk with you."

The next morning after the children went to school, Agnes Brown poured out the burden on her heart to her pastor's wife. "And I do want to serve the Lord, Mrs. Jones, but what can I do

when I have to keep house and don't get out among people much?"

A look of understanding spread over Mrs. Jones' face. "I know just how you feel," she said, "for I am in the same situation, but I'll tell you what can be done and what I'm doing with the Lord's help. 'I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.'"

"When salesmen come to my door I try to never fail to give them a gospel tract to slip in their pocket and read when they go home. Keep a little tract rack near your front door or place a pile of tracts on a table nearby, and before they leave say, 'I have something I'd like to give you.' Many people come asking for food or help and the best help you could possibly give them is to point them to Christ. What a joy to actually lead some one to the Lord! But even if they don't accept Him then, you can claim the promise that His Word will not return void. I personally like the leaflet called *Four Great Facts* and *Three Things God Has Done For Us*. But there are many good gospel tracts.

"And then there are the children in your neighborhood. You can win them for the Lord. You can start a Bible Club in your living room. Some people have nice basements and prefer to have it meet there so that their living rooms will not be tracked up by the children. But remember, in any case, our homes should belong to the Lord. The lessons put out for the flannel board are so easy and effective. Did you ever use them, Agnes?"

"No, but Sally loves them in Sunday School and I could learn I guess," answered Agnes, with growing enthusiasm.

"If you write to Mrs. Finley, she will help you get lined up with some familiar Bible stories, object lesson books and chorus books. *Child Evangelism* puts out some good lessons in their monthly magazine, and the G.A.R.B. has just recently started publishing a series of lessons for children's meetings entitled *Christ-Centered Children's Programs*. Using these lessons, you can plan your own program of songs, object lessons, and



then the story. Oh, it's such a privilege to tell the Gospel to some children who perhaps never go to Sunday School."

"But how can I get these children together?" asked Agnes.

"Just get the names of the children of your neighborhood, covering two or three blocks, and then send them all an attractive invitation on a postcard telling them time of meeting and place each week. Your club should meet right after school. And your Sally can tell all her friends in school about the new club too.

"Another opportunity that you might consider is a hobby club for teen-age girls. I know you can't do both these things, Agnes, but while we're talking I'll tell you about the hobby club I had one year for girls. They came to my home right after school one afternoon a week. I was ready for them with some kind of hand craft. I had rubber molds for Scripture plaques and so I made many of them and the girls could pick the ones they wanted and paint them with tempora water colors and then glaze them with clear lacquer or figurine glaze. There are lots of other interesting activities such as making jewelry, leather work, painting on glass and china, etc. You might send for a catalog from some craft store if you don't have one in town. Here's the address of one where I have gotten quite a few things: *Guildcraft Co., 1305 Hertel Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.* There are other good craft stores in Cleveland, Toledo, and all the cities in Ohio I'm sure. After we worked on the hand craft a while the girls laid down their work and I gave them a short lesson from the Bible and then we gathered around the piano and sang a few hymns and dismissed with prayer.

"*Pioneer Girls* is a wonderful organization to reach girls, too. It is patterned after Girl Scouts but is distinctively Christian and through it girls are led to a saving knowledge of Christ. Then there is *Boys' Brigade* which is similar



but for boys. But that would be out of your category."

Agnes Brown looked at her watch. "Oh, I must be going. I had no idea it was getting so late. Thank you so very much for all these suggestions. I will pray that the Lord might show me personally what I should do. He has also burdened me to use my letter writing for His glory. I'm determined to send gospel leaflets to many of my unsaved friends and to give them my testimony in letter."

"That's a wonderful idea, for we housewives can all do that!" exclaimed Mrs. Jones. "Just because we have homes to keep and cannot get out, we have no excuse to not be busy for the Lord, do we?"

"No, indeed," Agnes agreed, "and I am determined to use many of these opportunities to turn my home into a real mission field for the Lord."

## FLASHES from the CHURCHES

As we reached the close of 1954 at the Fostoria Baptist Church we thank God for his rich blessing upon the work.

Twenty-three were baptized during the year and seven were received by letter or experience. The Sunday School average was 232, which is 12 more than the previous year. *We have fifty-two subscribers to The Ohio Independent Baptist in our congregation.*

This fall we have been busy with meetings. We had two missionary speakers: Kenneth Lyons of Toledo and H. L. Inabnit of Missoula, Montana. Our Bible Conference was held October 24 to 31 with Rev. B. G. Ham, Detroit, as the principal speaker. (Helen Jordan)

The East Side Baptist Church, Lorain, of which Rev. Verne L. Dunham is the pastor, lifted a special offering at the services on Sunday, December 19, which amounted to \$1,400.00, all currency or checks. The church had an indebtedness of \$1,288.00 and the purpose of the special offering was to clear that indebtedness. A Mortgage Burning Ceremony was held on Sunday, January 2nd.

The East Side Baptist Church is in a highly prosperous condition, with all available capacity in use. The congregation owns a large tract of land about one mile from the present location and under

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present plans a new, modern house of worship will be erected in the near future.

The blessing of the Lord has been upon the work of Memorial Baptist Church, Columbus, during the past month. Attendance has been excellent and the fellowship spiritually invigorating.

On November 29, one of our young men, William Compton, was ordained and will soon enter work in Kentucky.

On December 10, the church entertained the South Bethel Association with Rev. John Balyo of Hough Baptist Church, Cleveland, as the guest speaker.

On December 19 the Christmas Program was enjoyed.

The radio ministry by the pastor over station W T V N, is now in its eighth year and has been a blessing to many throughout the city. The church conducted a series of evangelistic meetings with (Continued on next page)



FLASHES FROM THE  
CHURCHES

(Continued)

the Rev. James E. Rosner of Bellefontaine, speaker, during the early part of the present month. (Elisabeth Clawson)

Mrs. R. S. Davis of the Calvary Baptist Church, Cleveland, reports that the Calvary Missionary Guild meets once each month and at the recent meeting, Mrs. Jaunette was the speaker. She also reports that the women of the Guild write letters once each month to the missionaries supported by the group.

## MEN'S LEAGUE MEETS

The Men's League of Hebron Association met in the Faith Baptist Church, Amherst, Saturday evening, December 11, with attendance of seventy four.

A quartet from Cedarville Baptist College was present and presented four special numbers, and an instrumental duet from Wellington was also appreciated.

The message of the evening was delivered by Mr. Donald Hooker of the Camden Baptist Church, who announced his subject as, "Filling The Gap." Mr. Hooker is a deacon of the Camden Baptist Church and is an excellent speaker.

Refreshments were served following the service.

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Berea	Berea Baptist .....	848.05
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Cleveland	Bethlehem Baptist .....	345.74
Cleveland	Brookside Baptist .....	559.90
Cleveland	Calvary Baptist .....	940.50
Columbus	Central Baptist .....	392.62
Columbus	Clintonville Baptist .....	924.40
Columbus	Memorial Baptist .....	1,037.70
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Lorain	Trinity Baptist .....	490.69
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New London	First Baptist .....	156.00
New Richland	New Richland Baptist .....	128.00
Niles	First Baptist .....	680.00
Northfield	Northfield Village Baptist .....	115.69
North Jackson	Independent Baptist .....	230.00
North Royalton	North Royalton Baptist .....	598.00
Norwalk	Calvary Baptist .....	551.50
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William

# ITALY AS A MISSION FIELD

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Lorene

"Italy?" asked the Cleveland merchant in an incredulous tone as we told him of our desire to go there as missionaries. "Why, I've always thought of Italy as a cultured, civilized, catholic country." So goes the thinking of many today.

Cultured, civilized and catholic it is, but let me give you an inside glimpse of this country which constitutes one of the most needy mission fields in the world today.

**Yes, ITALY is:**

## CULTURED AND CIVILIZED

For centuries the proud rulers of the world with a background unequalled in government, music and art, Italy is still the mecca for myriads of lovers of all forms of culture. Ribbons of up-to-date railroads and highways bedeck the surface of this boot-shaped peninsula which "has, in effect, thrice ruled the world—once in government, once in religion, once in art."

Italy is enjoying the highest status economically that it has for centuries; yet, paradoxically, many of its citizens are living in abject poverty with poor living conditions, low wages and inadequate education.

Search your Bible, trace Paul's missionary journeys, and you will find that he was an ambassador for Christ to the cultured, civilized portion of the known world of his day.

**Yes, Italy is:**

## CATHOLIC

Italy's late Prime Minister Alcide De Gasperi in 1947 claimed that of Italy's 45,526,750 people 45,349,221 were catholics. (The population has now jumped to more than 47 million.)

The sunny Italian sky is pierced with thousands of catholic steeples with the City of Rome alone having over 400 churches. Here one finds the beautiful, wealthy, magnificent nerve center of the earth's 450 million catholics—the Vatican City. Here resides their deified

leader, the Pope, surrounded by a religious machine that would do justice to the Kremlin. From here flow the dogmas that long have kept Italy in the throes of idolatry and superstition.

After centuries of the anti-biblical teachings of catholicism, the Italians know very little of the precious truths of the Gospel of Christ. Even their periodicals in this country boldly classify as error from the pit of hell itself the teaching of salvation through faith without works. The anti-christ scepter of catholicism hangs over Italy.

**But, Italy is also:**

## COMMUNISTIC

The third largest Communistic Party in the world today is in Italy—ranking only behind Russia and Red China. In the 1953 elections the communistic polled 35.5% of the votes, and if they had garnered about one million more they would have had control of the Italian government.

It has been stated that the Communists spend 45 million dollars each year for their operations in Italy. Many of the party members are expected to contribute up to one third of their salary for the cause; and Communist members of the Parliament contribute nearly one million dollars yearly. Of course, Moscow always stands ready to make up any deficit. The anti-God scepter of Communism hangs over Italy.

**And ITALY is:**

## CONFUSED

Although the Catholics claim 99% of Italy, it is a known fact that two-thirds of Rome do not go to church on Sunday. In the great Northern industrial center of Milan less than 10% of the professional class attend Mass. The Catholic Church in Italy can no longer claim the loyalty of thousands upon thousands of Italians. They have seen it for what it is and want no more of it.

But to what are they turning? Certainly not to the Gospel of Christ, for of that they have never heard. With less than one evangelical missionary for each one million Italians, how could they have heard? "And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?"

Certainly the only answer to the civilized, cultured, catholic, communistic, confused Italy of today is Christ. What a challenge!

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth laborers into His harvest."

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## "THEY SENT THEM AWAY"

By REV. RICHARD DURHAM, *Missionary Under A B W E,*  
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Richard

As Rev. and Mrs. Richard Durham go forth under the Association Of Baptists For World Evangelism, they leave behind many warm friends in Ohio Association. Their articles will appear regularly in this magazine. (Editor)



Rose

Their equipment had all been packed and shipped to the dock where it had been loaded on the ship that was to carry them to their new field of service. The red tape of passports and visas was now a thing of the past. Sore arms had been endured as shots and vaccinations had been received. Personal belongings for use on the ship were now in suitcases. Everything was in readiness. So they made their way to the First Baptist Church of Antioch where all the believers had gathered for a farewell service. And what a blessed time it was! Hymns of praise to the Lord Jesus were sung. Testimonies were given. Accounts of God's great faithfulness in supplying material needs were related. Sincere thanks was expressed to the church for the things which they had given, making it possible for the missionaries to take the gospel of saving grace to those yet in darkness.

And then prayer was offered to the God of all grace by the church. Oh, how the very presence of God seemed to fill the room. And in a very real way everyone sensed that this was the most important moment of the entire evening.

The missionaries sensed anew the vital importance of intercessory prayer for them and the work they hoped to accomplish by the grace of God. The entire church seemed to hear, as it were, the voice of God saying to them: "This is to be your main ministry on behalf of your missionaries for the next four years. You have met their material needs and you will continue to do so as I supply all your needs according to my riches in glory by my dear Son. But the ministry of intercessory prayer is your main job."

"Pray that I might give them grace sufficient to be overcomers for me. Pray that I will keep them from being too busy to pray. Pray that I might give them an unconquerable determination to go all the way with Me. Pray that

I might censor their activities so that they will not be spending their time and energy on 'second best' things. Pray that I might give unto them grace and strength to resist temptation. Pray that they might not live just an 'average' Christian life, but that they might ever live with their hearts aflame with a passion for the lost, and aflame with the glory and love of My Son."

And then, after they had . . . prayed . . . and after they had "turned them over" to the grace of God . . . they sent them away.

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Such was the experience of Paul and Barnabas as they were sent forth by the church . . . and by the Holy Spirit. We have used (we trust) a little sanctified 20th century imagination on the account given in the 13th of Acts. And yet, this is our story, and as such, expresses the feelings of our hearts. It has been just a little over a year ago that we were accepted as missionary candidates under ABWE. We had hoped to go to Pakistan to bring the good news to the thousands of Moslems there who are without Christ. However, the Lord has not seen fit to supply our visas (as yet) for Pakistan.

In the meantime our board asked us to consider working temporarily in Manila, Philippines, while we continue to wait on Him for our visas to Pakistan. We believe the Lord led us to make this temporary change and now we are looking forward to a January sailing date.

We trust that after a year of service in Manila we will have our visas for Pakistan and will be able to go on to that country. Brethren, pray for us!

Words are so inadequate (especially on paper) to express the feelings we have for our *Ohio Association* of churches. In our year of deputation work we have had the privilege of meeting and fellowshiping with many of you pastors and God's children in these churches. Churches and homes have been opened to us and the hospitality we have received here has been surpassed nowhere. For every prayer helper, for every supporting church, for every gift of equipment, for every opportunity to present the field which the Lord has laid on our hearts, for the privilege of using the pages of the OIB to present the need of the field, we say a heart-felt, sincere "thank you."

But this "farewell" wouldn't be complete without an expression of our sincere thanks for our "home" church, the *Berea Baptist Church*, and for our pastor, Rev. Earl V. Willetts. Their gifts and labors of love, their prayers, the counsel and help of a godly pastor, have met much to us as we have prepared to go.

And I trust that something of the feeling that no doubt was prevalent in the church at Antioch, as they sent out Paul and Barnabas—an intense feeling of the need of intercessory prayer—might be felt by each one of you. So many of you have given . . . our needs have been met . . . and we are now able to go. But don't forget, Acts 13:3 says: "And when they had . . . prayed . . . they sent them away." *Don't forget to pray!*

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### ● A RUSSIAN BAPTISM ●



During World War II a young Japanese engineer in Manchuria, witnessed the Baptism of 50 Russians. For years this Baptismal scene has stuck in his mind.

He was aware of the boldness of these Russians. All he knew about Baptism was that it was contrary to the religion of Atheistic Russia.

When the war ended, he and his war-widowed mother, were among the thousands who came back to their native country. As did most of the other repatriates, they settled in the home town of their ancestors. The young man became a Mathematics teacher in the High School in Kurino, South Kyushu. Because he had studied English, it was quite natural that he should be on familiar terms with a very pretty English teacher of this school.

Kurino Town is a railroad junction with about 18,000 people. It is about  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the way from Ookuchi city where I had been holding a Bible class, and our home in Kagoshima City. During the forty minutes wait each week at this railroad junction I had taken this opportunity to distribute tracts from house to house. I could not find a Christian or a single opening for any Bible class. In a small measure I can understand how David Brainard must have felt as he tried to minister among the New England Indians without a knowledge of their language. The way in which the Lord opened up a Bible Class in Kurino was a real blessing in my own life. In the opening up of a Bible Class in Kurino I was introduced to this young Japanese engineer.

My part in the story begins during the rainy season in the spring. Coming home from the Bible class in Ookuchi, I decided to get off the train half way between Ookuchi and Kurino. I planned to distribute tracts in the large towns of Hishikari, then catch the bus back to Kurino in time to meet

the train to Kagoshima. A man overheard me talking in English to my Japanese friend, Mochinaga San. As we started to leave the train, this man said in perfect English, "I don't think it would be wise to get off the train here since the rain has washed the roads so bad that they are dangerous and very rough." We followed his advice and I began to talk with him. He was the English professor in Kagoshima University, and had been to Ookuchi on business. At Kurino we sat on a bench in front of the station. I found out that he was an Episcopalian and a member of a church in Kagoshima. Soon a young lady came up to talk with him. She had been one of his students and was now teaching English at Junior High in Kurino. (During her college years she had attended a English Bible reading class. With the loss of both her father and mother she turned to Christianity and I believe it is her desire to truly serve the Lord Jesus Christ.) The professor immediately asked her if she would like a Bible class in English for her pupils. She said she thought the town needed awakening, and thus the Bible class began. In turn I was soon to meet the Mathematics teacher, Niizono San.

Shortly after I had given Niizono San a book on Christianity, called, "The Basis of Christian Faith," by Floyd Hamilton, he told me the story of fifty Russians who were baptized in a river in Manchuria. Both he and Hiwata-shi San wanted to know more about Christianity, especially Baptism. As I spoke of our identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection, our conversation was cut short by another teacher who brought in a bottle of wine for us to drink. When I had to turn the drink down a strange silence came over the room, for I had done a very rude thing. This teacher comes from the number one family in town and I was very sorry that this incident had to come up.

What I had hoped would be a time when the claims of Christ could be fully presented, had been

broken up. What was I to do? My only opening in this town and now custom had reared its head. I had wanted to speak with this man too. When I had exclaimed what God's word said about strong drink and our bodies as Christians, it seemed to ease the situation, but our conversation about spiritual things stopped.

Several weeks have passed since that Sunday. Yesterday, December 19, when I arrived at school a Christmas tree was fully decorated and the room was crowded with High School students. The three teachers I have already mentioned and the Principal who speaks English enough for us to converse were there too. They asked me to tell the meaning of Christmas. We read the English and Japanese account in Matthew and with some of my Japanese and translations by all the teachers, I told the Christmas story and of its importance to them. It is a joy to work with One who can take care of His Own Word, and bring truth into the lives of the people, in spite of our human shortcomings.

The witnessing of the Baptism of fifty Russians has borne fruit in the mind and heart of Niizono San. During Christmas vacation he and Hiwata-shi San, plan to visit our home where we might talk further, without interruption, concerning this vital problem of a man's relationship to God. The Buddhist priest of Kurino is a personal friend of Niizono San and his family ties are very strong but I pray as I trust you will too, that my friend may come to know the true meaning of Baptism which the fifty Russians experienced a decade ago.

### BOOK REVIEW

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# THE FORUM

The Men's Forum conducted at the recent annual meeting of Ohio Association was of unusual interest. We present herein, excerpts from the two introductory papers, under the respective subjects.  
(Editor)

## What The Pastor Expects Or Desires Of His People

REV. REGINALD L. MATTHEWS, *Toledo, Ohio*

### Introduction:

If we expect too much from our churches it will develop discouragement and dissatisfaction, and if we expect too little we shall be faithless in dispensing our responsibilities to which God has called us. The one will create mountainous problems; the other will breed unholy complacency. Brethren, as pastors we should desire and expect no more than the New Testament requires, and no less than it demands

### Desires and Expectations:

1. The pastor should desire and expect the church to be a New Testament Church:

*Not A Club.* The church is a company of people saved by the grace of God, baptized, and united in worship, fellowship, and maintaining the New Testament doctrines, sending forth the Gospel to the earth's end, to duplicate on the mission field the testimony which is maintained at home.

*Not A Congregation:* A congregation is any company of people, assembled in any place, for any purpose. A church is not a congregation of people assembled to see and hear the preacher, but a local assembly of believers engaged in God's business, led by the pastor.

*Not A Clique.* A clique is a group of people, regardless as to how long they have been in the church, whose motives are self-centered and who have a circumscribed circle of friends, within the church. We can have a congregation and a clique, but together they do not make up a church. The heart of

every pastor longs for a church which goes forth as such, in reality and spirit, as well as in name. (Ephesians 4)

2. The Pastor desires a consecrated membership.

Orthodoxy without orthopraxy is hypocrisy. Ecclesiastical separation apart from personal separation is inconsistent. Furthermore, we cannot expect dedication from those entering our churches unless the pattern is set by those already in places of responsibility. The sheep must set the example for the lambs.

3. The pastor desires CONCERN in the church.

There should be real love for the brethren. We should not treat Biblical Divine love in the heart for other believers lightly, but should in truth allow this love to operate toward the weaker brother. Some churches can't be trusted with great increase as they do not have the love to assimilate the people who come in.

4. The pastor expects and desires communion with the church.

By this we refer to fellowship. If there is oneness of heart, spirit, mind and purpose, the mountainous problems will appear like ant hills, instead of ant hills appearing like mountains. One church member said recently, "When you came to pastor this church, you and your family walked right into our hearts." It is sad, but true, that many times the pastor and his family just "walk in."

5. The pastor desires and expects COOPERATION from his church.

He is not a dictator; neither is

he an office boy. He is to set a pattern, not follow a man-made pattern, and he is to feed the flock. This being true, the flock is to assimilate the food, and develop accordingly.

6. The pastor should desire and expect criticism; however, the criticism should be constructive and kind.

7. The Pastor desires and expects the CONFIDENCE of his people.

Let the people confide in him their problems before they become "unsolvable." An attorney once told me that when the average client came to him, the case had already gone too far for a peaceful solution. This often happens in the church.

8. The Pastor desires consideration from his people.

I know of one church which carried out a \$20,000.00 repair program while the pastor was on vacation. His job was to raise the money upon his return.

Consideration might well be given to the pastor in relation to his time. If he has put in many long hours in study, visitation, and interviews in the line of duty, do not begrudge him an evening with his family, free from church responsibilities.

9. The pastor should desire and expect concerted intercession in his behalf. (Ephesians 6:19)

Paul requested prayer for himself. The pastor needs your prayer.

Your pastor needs the full cooperation of the entire church, as well as the Divine enabling of the Lord Jesus Christ in his ministry.

## What The Church Desires Of Its Pastor

Mr. John Knox, *Cleveland, Ohio*

Present day concept of a minister makes him almost anything except the humble servant of God watching over the souls of his flock. He must be a good mixer so as

to offend nobody, to train folk in theatricals and entertain boys and girls with tricks and stunts.

But God's idea is different. The Lord's plan for the preacher is

made plain. The preacher's job is a spiritual job. In Hebrews is this statement:

"Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they



watch for your SOULS, as they that must give an account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you." (Heb. 13:17)

The preacher then is an under-shepherd of the souls of men. His task is to teach men to trust in God. He is to turn the souls of men toward the Bible.

*The minister is to snatch as brands from the burning*, according to Jude 23. These souls must be born again, for "except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3).

Furthermore, *the minister is called upon to bring growth into the lives of believers*. Growth is vital and requires nourishing food. If a soul is to grow he must "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." (II Pet. 3:18)

Preaching, which lays the most solid foundation and produces the most lasting results, must have for its preparation sound Bible study. And it must be of such character as will encourage the people in the pews to study the Bible for themselves, as their ministers have had to do before them. It is therefore a wise minister who seeks diligently to train his people in Bible study through the medium of expository preaching.

The power, which has attended the ministry of God's stalwarts in former years, is traceable to expository preaching as a fundamental element of a Spirit-filled ministry. For the sake of those believers who may be called upon to determine who shall be called for their pastor, and for the sake of the young people who plan to devote their lives to the work of the ministry, may we call attention to some of the teachings of God's Word which indicate the necessity of expository preaching.

*The preacher is called to preach the Word*. Paul states:

"Preach the Word; be instant in season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." (II Tim. 4:2)

To preach anything else, therefore, is sheer disobedience to the divine behest. And one can preach the Word only as his preaching can be truly called expository preaching.

In the light of the foregoing passage it therefore is plain that all preaching should be expository in the truest sense of the word. Happy is the pastor who brings his text out into the sunlight which

streams from the rest of God's Word.

Then, too, *the minister is to reprove, rebuke, exhort*; but it is all to be done with "doctrine," that is, it is to be accomplished with the teaching of God's Word which we have seen fit to call expository preaching. The authority of the minister, therefore, must rest not upon superior intellect or education but upon the words which God breathed by His Holy Spirit through holy men chosen for the purpose.

The ministry of the Holy Spirit is pre-eminently the ministry of the teacher. It is He who opens our understanding, that we may understand the scriptures.

It follows, therefore, that the Word of God is the only medium that affords ample power to accomplish the stupendous tasks which God's ministers face.

Consequently, *expository preaching demands careful study of the Word* on the part of the pastor in order that he may ascertain light on problems which confront him and his people. Indeed, study is one of the important tools in a pastor's kit-bag; and because study and the loose-leaf notebook are allied so closely, the average church does not expect their pastor to memorize his messages.

Fortunate, indeed, is the congregation who observes their pastor entering his pulpit with notebook in hand. He will not go far astray from his topic with key words and phrases to chart his course. What would you think of a railroad engineer taking his passengers off the main line onto spur tracks leading hither and yon? True such a procedure may

afford a view of ravines, knolls and dells along the countryside, but the express never would pull into the terminal on time.

A doctrinal or expository message preached at the morning service and a salvation message at the evening service makes for a strong, unified church. *Salvation messages are essential and mandatory*.

But any convert untaught in Bible truths, sitting in the pew Sunday morning, a message based solely on the subject of salvation merely brings to their minds that they have fulfilled their obligation of accepting Christ as their Savior. And so to them the pastor's address is just one more sermon to send them on their way rejoicing and making it possible for them to tread water until next Lord's day.

These converts need to be told that they are to capture the high peaks in their Christian experience. They need the sincere meat of the Word, and one of the ways the pastor has at his command of imparting God's truths lies in the expository type message.

But when eventide comes and the pastor mounts his pulpit with a message of salvation for those facing him, he is addressing a different constituency than that of the 11 o'clock hour. Before him are those who come to the service for one reason or another—migratory souls who were just passing by the church building and came into the auditorium to hear a sermon because dad and mother said it was the right thing to do at least once a week.

Yes, the wise pastor will tell and retell the story of redemption until it rings like wedding bells in the hearts of listeners and men and women wend their way to the inquiry room to voice their decision for Christ.

*Would you as a pastor entertain another proposition?* Make your invitation sound like chamber music to the ear of the one whom the Holy Spirit is wooing. It is not the invitation expressed in a boisterous manner that results in the pitter-patter of feet to the inquiry room. The Holy Spirit never employs a brass band, nor tom-toms, nor the tambourine to induce men and women to come to Christ.

Directing men and women into the arms of Jesus is a solemn affair and a rich harvest is reaped when soft-spoken words are employed to unlock sinful hearts and

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# BOOK REVIEWS

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## WHAT CHURCH DESIRES

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allow the muted song of the Holy Spirit to change darkness into light.

Returning once more to the subject of expository type preaching may it be emphasized that an expository message deposited in the hearts and minds of communicants makes for a strong, unified church. Let a pastor follow this procedure and when a question of church conduct arises; those schooled in the Word immediately will open their Bibles and point to Paul or Timothy and say; This is the way these men would have handled the matter in question.

*Finally the shepherd heart in the pastor is another burning need of the present hour.* The personal standards of Christians are so low that it brings them into constant difficulty and a shepherd is needed to deliver them from these troubles.

Worldliness has found its way into the church program. The gymnasium attracts athletes, the movies attract the emotional, the lecture attracts the intellectual. But what is there to attract the soul longing for a glimpse of Jesus, hungry for the truths of the Word, and thirsty for the Water of Life? The church's program is a farce and that is why there is a great need for the shepherd pastor. Consequently, it is a wise pastor who safely guides his members from one good thing to another—the prayer meeting, Bible study, street meetings, tract distribution, neighborhood visitation, special Bible conferences, missionary activity, etc.

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